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SUBJECT GSP - BENEFICIARY STATUS FOR TERRITORIES ADMINISTERED BY USG

1. THE FOUR TERRITORIES ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES
-- GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND VIRGIN ISLANDS WHICH ARE US
DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, AND THE US ADMINISTERED TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, HAVE EXPRESSED AN
INTEREST IN BEING DESIGNATED AS BENEFICIARIES OF GSP
SCHEMES OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. GUAM AND AMERICAN
SAMOA ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR GSP BENEFITS UNDER THE
SCHEMES OF AUSTRIA, CANADA, EEC, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND
SWITZERLAND. THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
IS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP FROM THE EEC, AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN,
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AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS RECEIVES GSP FROM AUSTRIA. ALL OF THESE TERRITORIES RECEIVE GSP TREATMENT FROM THE US.

2. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLORE WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT (IN THE CASE OF THE EC THE COMMISSION) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF GSP THE POSSIBILITY OF THESE FOUR TERRITORIES RECEIVING BENEFICIARY STATUS

UNDER THEIR SYSTEM (FOR CANADA, THIS IS ONLY NECESSARY FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND FOR THE EC ONLY FOR THE VIRGIN

ISLANDS)? YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THESE TERRITORIES ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE US (SEE DISTINCTION IN FIRST SENTENCE ABOVE), THEY ARE OUTSIDE THE US CUSTOMS TERRITORY, THAT THEY ALREADY RECEIVE GSP FROM A NUMBER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THAT YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT (FOR THE EC, THE COMMUNITY) ALREADY PROVIDES GSP BENEFITS TO A NUMBER OF OTHER DEPENDANT TERRITORIES, AND THAT GSP BENEFITS COULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO THESE DEVELOPING TERRITORIES. IF APPROPRIATE, YOU SHOULD SEND A DIPLOMATIC NOTE MAKING THESE POINTS AND SEEKING DESIGNATION OF THESE AREAS. SHOULD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION BE REQUIRED WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE IT.

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